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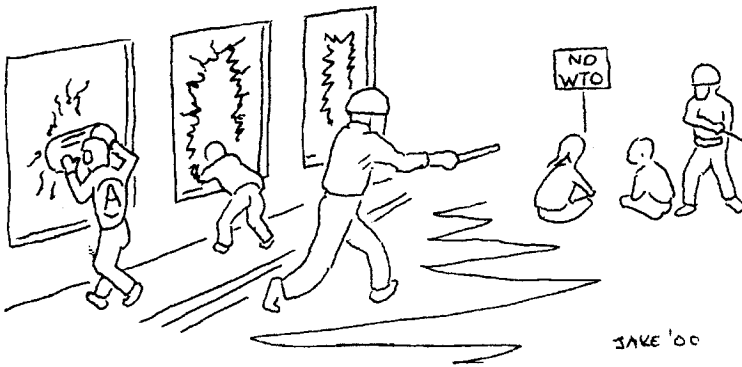
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W.T.O. is the PROBLEM

By DEL CASTLE

Or, to put it more directly, corporate power is the problem worldwide. This was shown in the massive international out-pouring in the "Battle of Seattle." For at least four days the world was shaken. The media and internet spread word and picture all over the planet. The result was historic. Seattle will be long remembered as the place where the peoples of the world began what will

become a world-wide, powerful movement to prevent corporate power from turning the whole world into a sweatshop. In this it is noted that the ILWU played a leadership role by shutting down all the ports on the Pacific Coast November 30.

Our country has quite a history in struggles against corporate dominance. Beginning with Shay's rebellion in 1786 when armed Revolutionary war veterans protested with guns the devaluation by half of the paper money issued them. It was called "Continental" currency. After that anything of little value was noted as "not being worth a Continental."

Since that time we have seen "anti-monopoly" movements among farmers and workers in the late nineteenth century, before World War 1, during the Great Depres-

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sion and in the powerful trade union organizing drives of the 30's and 40's, now being revived. Those movements petered out eventually.

But this peoples' movement will not cease because the problems will only get worse until corporate power is curbed. In addition today's movement is world-wide, so that while it may subside in one area, it will grow in others. Finally, there is that wonderful democratic technology, the internet. It is a most powerful tool for mobilizing mass participation in struggles for a better world.

All of the above was neatly summarized by Nelson Mandela who visited Seattle a few days after the demonstration. He said:

"Power today is still monopolized by the West, and their moral fabric leaves much to be desired. They use world trade in order to maximize profit, not for humanity."

Enough said!



CORRESPONDENCE

Letters to the RUSTY HOOK are coming in larger and larger numbers! We welcome them - the more the better! The following have come in since our last issue:

From "Cowboy" GEORGE H. DALY, one of our stalwart helpers in mailing the RUSTY HOOK. He has

moved to Desert Hot Springs, CA.:

"Hello All:

Enclosed check for \$85.00 for lifetime Membership and check for \$100.00 to help them Old Farts keep the RUSTY HOOK. The Final Dispatch took too many people this time. This Cowboy agrees with everything I read in the Fall

Are you looking to lose not only your identity, but a complete sense of individualism as well? Then by all means subject yourself to employment in a *Modern American Corporate Environment!*



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issue of RUSTY HOOK. Keep up the good work!

P.S. I'm busy playing golf and chasing widows here in Palm Springs. After all, somebody has to do it!"

Thanks so much George. All we can say is - hurrah for Viagra!

From HAROLD SEITZ in Tacoma, thank you for the \$20.00 donation.

Also, from JOHN C. EHLI, Tacoma, thanks for your \$20.00. We hear you are having some trouble healthwise. Hang in there ,John, we need you.

From Mrs. TIV EAGLEHAWK, Seattle:

"To all the members of the Seattle ILWU Pension Club:

You guys are fantastic! How you and the others were able to secure such good raises for the retirees and us widows is just unbelievable. This contract Just confirms what my husband, M.D . ' N I C K ' NICHOLS, always told me (and anyone else who would listen); 'The ILWU is the best damn union in the country.' I second that!

At 76, I am aware of what it takes for you 'Old Timers' to keep up the good fight. I am so grateful to each and every one of you. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

I also want to especially thank the editorial staff of the RUSTY HOOK. You people do a fantastic job of keeping us informed and with a wonderful sense of humor, too.

My best wishes to you all." (TIV enclosed a check for \$130.00.)

Blessings to you, TIV - not only for your fine donation, but a real thanks for your kind words of support.

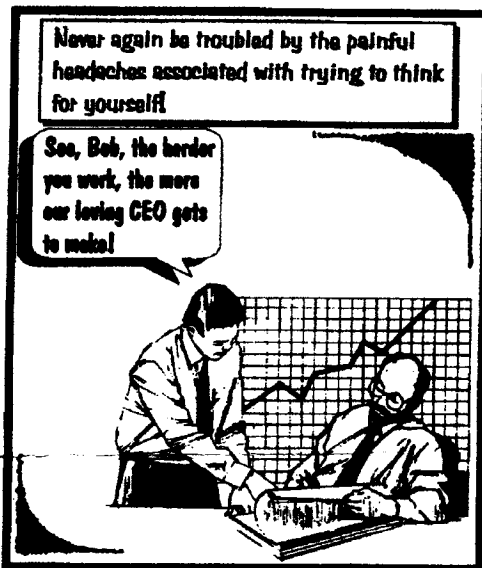
From NOBI LEMAY, Seattle:

"To the staff of the RUSTY HOOK:

Enjoy the RUSTY HOOK very much. Many thanks for all your efforts in helping retirees and widows, like me, and keeping us informed. Enclosed small donation." (\$25.00)

From ZACHARY GAILBRAITH, Everett:

Unfortunately, there was no message. The only thing in the envelope was a check for \$393.00 to the RUSTY HOOK! We are full of gratitude for such munificence!



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Your kind check is more than we have ever expected from a single individual. Thanks again, ZACHARY!

From KENNETH MAURICE, Federal Way:
 "Dear TERRY:

It appears I am in arrears with regard to the assessment for the PCPA convention. The enclosed check for \$12.00 is to cover that oversight. Also, my wife and I appreciate the information provided in the RUSTY HOOK, so have also included a check for \$20.00 toward those expenses.

Thanks for all that you and the other officers and editorial staff do to keep the Pension Club going for all of us.

Sincerely"

And thanks to you and all those other fine people who send contributions to keep the good work going!

From ROSS K. RIEDER, President of the PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABOR HISTORY ASSOCIATION:

"Dear Union Comrades:

Thanks for putting PNLHA on your mailing list. You have a very interesting and informative newsletter. In Solidarity."

From JACK D. HANSEN, Brier:

"Here's my assessment for 2000 and 2001. The rest of the money goes to the general fund (\$23.00)
 Sincerely"

From JEAN GUNDLACH, MARYSVILLE:

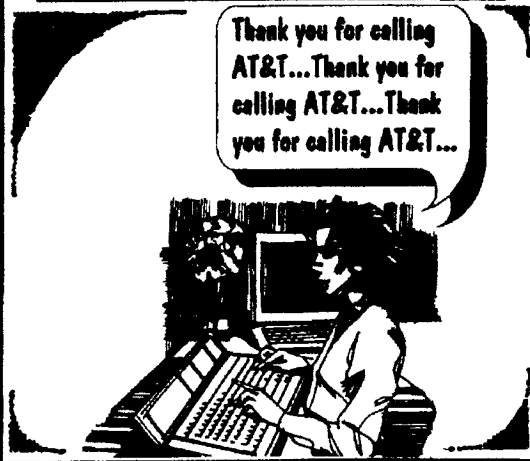
"Top O the morning to you all:

A beautiful day on the Reservation, and the yearly Salmon Ceremony to take place on Saturday - (Billis will be there I'm sure.)

Sorry I can't get to meetings - I miss them even if you don't miss my presence (my silent, admiring presence.) There's only one ILWU

Greetings and best wishes to all. >>>>>

Experience the satisfaction of a job well done as you participate in repetitive tasks designed to make your employer wealthy off of your labor!



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work (40 cents per hour days - 50 cents per hour nights, Sundays and holidays.)"

Sorry, JEAN, not enough space to include the poem. Maybe later.

From MARY YEARKA, Seattle...

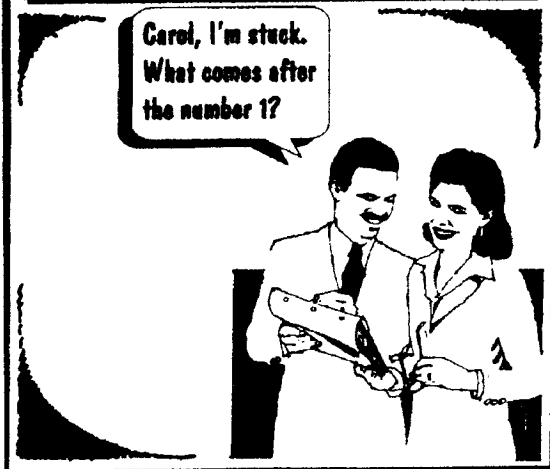
Donation to the RUSTY HOOK - \$25.00. No note, but your donation speaks louder than words. Thanks, MARY.

>>> Note:
 In 1893 - State labor Congress petitioned for the prohibition of alien seaman from handling cargo in State Ports.

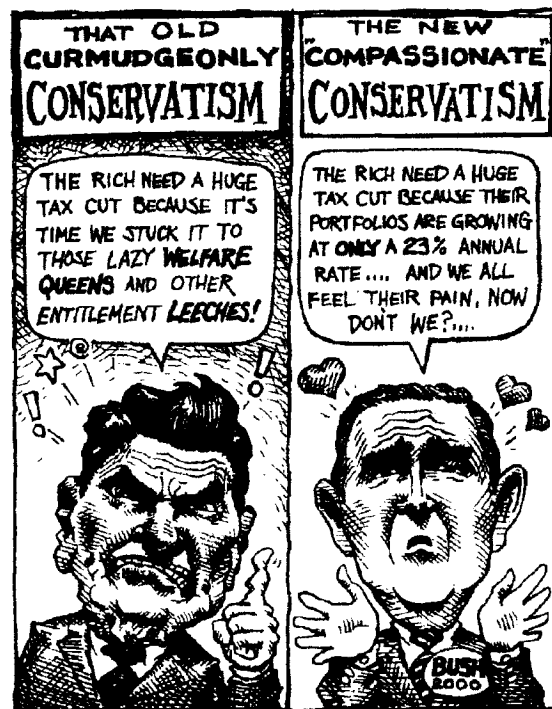
Also, from Longshore Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1903 - 1904:

\$4.00 for 10 hours

Submerge yourself in the ecstasy that comes from having someone eighty IQ points below the average houseplant pretend to be your boss!



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Shaun Maloney 1911-1999

BY DALLAS DELAY, LOCAL 19

Shaun (Jack) Maloney, perhaps the last survivor from among the heroic figures who emerged from the labor struggles of the 1930's, died at his home in Seattle on December 19, 1999. Maloney had a long history in the labor movement and helped build the Teamsters union into a national powerhouse. He was 88.

Maloney's activism in the labor movement began at the age of 15, with his membership in the Industrial Workers of the World (the "Wobblies") on the South Dakota prairies of the 1920's, followed by participation in the great Teamster struggles of the 1930's.

The indelible image of a hot July day in 1934 when Maloney and 66 other striking truck drivers were shot down by city police during the titanic Minneapolis Teamster strikes was burned forever into his consciousness and retold often to succeeding generations of labor militants. "When police opened fire on hundreds of truckers in downtown Minneapolis killing four of us, I (Maloney) and two friends ran into an alley. When we came around the building, one of the 'bulls' had a machine gun and fired at the three of us, left to right," Maloney would remember, long after his stomach wounds had healed. "I was lucky, Harry DeBoer spent months in the hospital and never fully recovered."

Maloney served two years in federal prison on Roosevelt administration frame-up charges arising out of his organizing of over-the-road truck drivers in the late 1930's, a campaign on which he worked with, among others, James Hoffa of Detroit. Maloney was released in early 1942 and left Minneapolis for the West Coast, where he continued his union activism and lived for the remainder of his long life.

His labor activity included a decade of activism in

the Sailors Union of the Pacific (SUP) and over four decades in the militant International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU). He was elected to five successive terms as President of Seattle ILWU Local 19, serving until his retirement in 1976.

Up until three weeks before his death, Maloney continued his activity in the ILWU as a relentless advocate of the maintenance of medical benefits for retired members, as well as a tireless campaigner for militant labor solidarity. In 1986, although retired for ten years, he traveled to Austin, Minnesota with other members of ILWU Local 19 to join in solidarity actions with members of Local P-9 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. They, having been betrayed by their International leadership, were then on strike against Hormel. From 1996 to 1998, he supported the ILWU's international solidarity actions for the Liverpool dockworkers and the Neptune Jade defense campaign which grew out of that world wide labor struggle.

On November 30th of this year, although confined to a wheelchair as a result of a series of recent strokes, Maloney joined the labor protests at the Seattle World Trade Organization meeting--a fitting culmination to his over 70 years of labor activism. While at the labor march, Maloney was recognized and greeted by many in attendance, despite being confined to a wheelchair and having lost 60 pounds.

Labor activists from several unions applauded Shaun's presence, including ILWU President Brian McWilliams and other local union leaders that had sought and received his help during strikes and contract negotiations over the years. While he listened to Jimmy Hoffa Jr. deliver a speech to those gathered at the WTO labor rally, Maloney recalled times that Hoffa's father did much the same thing.

Throughout the 1940's, Maloney worked as a merchant seaman, including sailing on the fabled "Convoy to Murmansk", delivering desperately needed supplies and weapons to the Soviet Union under the Lend Lease pro-



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gram. U.S. merchant ships ran the gauntlet of German submarines and aircraft en route to the Soviet Union. Only 4 of the over 40 ships in his convoy made it to their destination. After his ship, the S. S. Samuel Chase, was almost destroyed by German attacks on that run in 1942, Maloney spent almost 6 months ashore at Archangel in the USSR before repairs could be made to the ship and he was able to return to the U.S., where family members had already mourned him as dead.

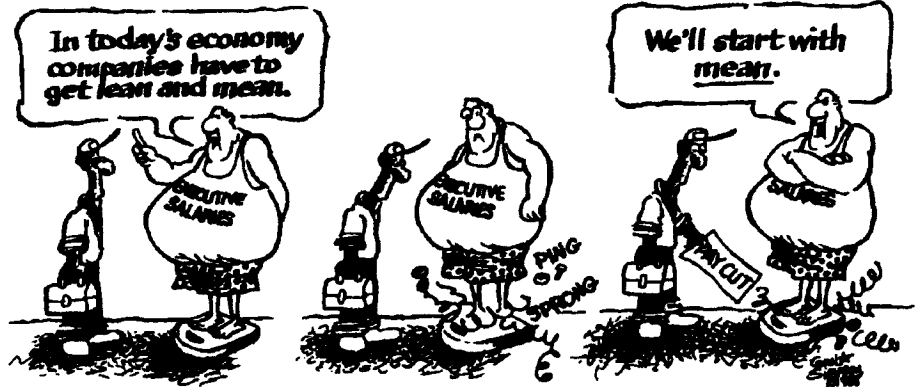
After his participation in a bitter union dispute in the late 1940's known as the "Mahoney beef," (named after its militant leader, Seattle seaman John A. Mahoney--a lifetime friend of Maloney's), Maloney and Mahoney, and many other union members were expelled from the Sailors Union of the Pacific (SUP) for refusing to cross the picket line of the Canadian Seamen's Union which, like the "red led" ILWU, was targeted by ship owners, governments, and right-wing union leaders. This political purge was one of the opening salvos in the anti-Communist McCarthyite witch hunts which decimated the organized labor movement. All were eventually given back their seamen's documents by order of the U.S. Supreme Court, but once reinstated into the SUP, many were promptly expelled again.

By then, Maloney had found work on the Seattle docks where he had joined the ILWU (International Longshore and Warehouse Union), a fitting place for him as it was a union known for its militancy. He continued his advocacy of workers' interests as an influential union officer and rank and file militant. He became one of the leading critics of the controversial "Mechanization and Modernization" Agreement. Maloney challenged ILWU President, Harry Bridges, at one of the Longshore Union Caucuses in the early '60's, and opposed the so-called "M & M" Agreement because it traded jobs and conditions for a buyout resulting in the loss of thousands of jobs and union power. Because of his actions, a second vote was required in Seattle to narrowly ratify the Agreement.

Always colorful, he would often disarm audiences with his humor and wit, using the many quotes and facts that were stored in his photographic memory. "I don't have privy to the crystal ball that is used to arrive at." (some fact in dispute), and it was obvious that those making such a claim were also not privy to a crystal ball. Maloney's point was generally well taken. Maloney often claimed that some famous writer had usurped his ideas and words

before he could put them into print. Shaun's amazing memory helped Farrell Dobbs write Teamster Power, Teamster Politics, Teamster Rebellion, Teamster Bureaucracy, and other books.

In 1973, a Seattle newspaper columnist described him as the "stormy petrel" of the Seattle waterfront, writing "some employers complained that Maloney's idea of labor relations was to hard-time the bosses...beefs naturally gravitated into his vicinity and swirled around him."



However, the column continued, "this moody, often oratorical Irishman held his members' loyalty" and had been re-elected the previous year even though the Local was "under the shadow of a huge legal judgment," resulting from a Maloney led battle against the giant Sea-Land Shipping Corporation.

Maloney would not have flinched at those descriptions of his labor strategy. His fiery outlook on life, undiminished by age, was one of class struggle--harsh and

Final Dispatch

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usually uncompromising. He was animated by a vision of a better world built and run by the working class.

Born in Minneapolis on September 10, 1911, Shaun Maloney was immersed in labor radicalism at an early age. Deserted by his biological father before he was born, Maloney took his stepfather's surname. Maloney's stepfather, Ole Severson, who was an early supporter of the IWW, introduced him to the labor movement when he was just a boy growing up in Minneapolis during the Great Depression. Maloney's mother, Katherine McGillin, was a fiery Irish nationalist. Shaun, known to most of his Minneapolis associates as "Jack," dropped out before attending high school. He began working with Ole Severson, who had been blacklisted as a result of his participation in a failed Teamster strike in Minneapolis in 1917. Shaun dug foundations with a team of horses, moved furniture, and performed other odd jobs that came available to those that were blacklisted.

He worked in the "barns" feeding and caring for horses, and then at age of 15, he began driving an old sidecar motorcycle to deliver packages. Soon after, he graduated to driving delivery trucks around the "cities", St Paul / Minneapolis, and neighboring towns in the Midwest. He sailed the Great Lakes in 1930, when he first got his Merchant Seamen's papers.

As a young man, Maloney became acquainted with the legendary Dunne Brothers, who, along with Swedish immigrant Carl Skoglund, became the leaders of the victorious 1934 Minneapolis Teamsters Strike and conceived and carried out the class struggle strategy that made open-shop Minneapolis a Union town.

When he was 21 years old, Maloney was quickly incorporated into the Strike's central leadership, participating not only as a leader of the feared flying picket squads, but as a seasoned negotiator and strategist. More than once he stepped into the breach, while the older leaders were imprisoned at the State Fair Grounds under the watchful eye of the Minnesota National Guard.

One of Maloney's proudest moments came when "The Agreement", recognizing the Union, was finally reached in August 1934, contingent on a majority vote of the workers. A front page photo in the August 28, 1934 Minneapolis Journal shows a dapper "Jack Severson," as he was then known, sporting a Workers' cloth cap adorned with a couple of union buttons, casting the first ballot in the election. Although it was a secret ballot, there was no doubt about how Maloney's vote would be cast, and for the next 65 years there was never any doubt about where Shaun "Jack" Maloney stood when workers' rights were

at stake.

Shaun's legacy lies in the myriad of lives that he touched and bettered over the years. A cultured and self-educated man, he was an instinctive rebel with a profound sense of solidarity with the oppressed--from trade unionists, to members of minority groups, women, gays, Native Americans, and countless others.

His memory is cherished by those who knew him and who, like him, look hopefully to the working class as an agent and champion of social change, to a world without borders--a world of peace, abundance and brotherhood.

Shaun left no direct descendants. He is survived by his older sister, Margaret Mack, younger sister, Dorothy Weinreich, scores of nieces and nephews, and many long-time friends whose lives are forever enriched by having known him.

Solidarity!

Commonwealth of Toil

BY RALPH CHAPLIN

In the gloom of mighty cities, mid the roar of whirling wheels,
We are toiling on like chattel slaves of old.
And our masters hope to keep us ever thus beneath their heels
And to coin our very life blood into gold.

But we have a glowing dream of how fair the world will seem
When we all can live our lives secure and free,
When the earth is owned by labor and there's joy and peace for all
In the commonwealth of toil that is to be.

They would keep us cowed and beaten, cringing meekly at their feet,
They would stand between each worker and his bread.
Shall we yield our lives up to them for the bitter crust we eat?
Shall we only hope for heaven when we're dead?

They have laid our lives out for us to the utter ends of time.
Shall we stagger on beneath their heavy load?
Shall we let them live forever in their gilded halls of crime,
With our children doomed to toil beneath their goad?

When our cause is all triumphant and we claim our Mother Earth
And the nightmare of the present fades away,
We shall live with love and laughter, we who now are little worth,
And we'll not regret the price we had to pay.

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Report from the 2001

Convention Committee

To all Puget Sound Longshore Members:
Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As you already know we have an Old Timers' convention every year in Sept. The areas are Southern Calif., Northern Calif., Columbia River, Puget Sound Area, and Canada. Year 2001 is the Puget Sound Area.

The Seattle and Tacoma Pensioners s Clubs are working to put on a good convention for everyone to enjoy. Our convention will be held on Sept. 17-19 year 2001, at the Best Western Executive Inn, in Seattle.

Our committee has held three meetings and this is the itinerary at this time, subject to change.

Sunday Sept. 16 Executive Board meeting.

Monday Sept. 17 Convention meeting until noon. After the meeting, all pensioners, wives, brothers, and sisters are invited to a boat ride around the Puget Sound, (Seattle Area). Later that evening everyone will be invited to the U. W. annual Harry Bridges' Chair award party, hosted and paid for by the Puget Sound Area.

Tuesday Sept. 18 convention meeting all day, with a buffet lunch, and a banquet dinner in the evening for everyone to enjoy.

Wednesday Sept. 19 convention meeting to finish up all unfinished business. There will be a hospitality room before and after the meetings.

Our Pensioner's Clubs and the convention committee of the Puget Sound Area want to put on a convention that everyone will enjoy. As you can see, putting on a convention is very costly, and any help you brothers and sisters can give us will be greatly appreciated.

CLASS WARFARE?

By DEL CASTLE

In a recent Republican debate George "Dubya" (Texansese for "W") Bush accused John McCain of resorting to class warfare when he said any tax cut in the future should go to those at the bottom income level. Bush of course wants the most of his proposed \$792 billion cut to go to upper level incomes. We would expect that from any Texas Republican governor.

What is most interesting about this exchange is that heretofore most candidates for public office - and the media - have generally denied the existence of classes in our country, let alone anything like class struggle. George W. Bush inadvertently admitted the existence of classes and class struggle in his reply to McCain.

Of course, as trade unionists, we have long been acquainted with class and class struggle. It is as obvious as any strike, demonstration or other means of trying to get a decent income or airing of grievances.



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When push comes to shove and workers are picketing for a just cause, the establishment goes all out in opposition. Police, Sheriffs, National Guard, Army and scabs are called out to break the strike, demonstration or peaceful assembly. The anti-W.T.O. demonstrations showed that in bold print.

But another more alarming example of class warfare is the recent scab handling of a ship in a North Carolina port. When ILA longshore workers assembled at the dock to protest they were met by hundreds of riot police, assaulted, beaten and forced off the dock. The Danish ship sailed without any trouble.

This example clearly shows maritime employers have not abandoned the class struggle. Nor, no doubt, have all employers. To defend ourselves, we, and all unions, must come to the support of the North Carolina waterfront workers and see that fair and open collective bargaining and unionism are not banished from the earth.

Lifetime Memberships

A single payment according to the following schedule:

Age 55—60	115.00
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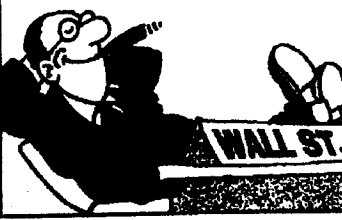

Special Message

to All Lifetime Members:

Life time membership does not include the assessment for the PCPA Convention to be held in Seattle in 2001.

The assessment is \$ 3.00 per year for 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001.

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<p>LET'S CELEBRATE THE AMERICAN WORKER</p>	<p>MAKES A LIVING BY NOT PROVIDING HEALTH CARE.</p> 	<p>MAKES A LIVING BY NOT PROVIDING WELFARE.</p> 
<p>MAKES A LIVING BY NOT PASSING LAWS TO HELP WORKERS.</p> 	<p>MAKES A LIVING BY WATCHING STOCK RISE.</p> 	<p>MAKES A LIVING BY BUSTING HER BUTT.</p> 

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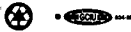


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